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SUBJ: TRUDEAU'S AIDE SAYS PRIMIN DETERMINED GIVE CANADA
STRONG NEW ACTIVIIST ROLE ON LEFT WING OF
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IVAN HEAD, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE
CANADIAN PRESS WIRE SERVICE (CP), SEPT 26, SAID THE PRIME
MINISTER IS DETERMINED TO GIVE CANADA A STRONG NEW
ACTIVIST ROLE ON THE LEFT WING OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE INTERVIEW, HEAD SAID RELATIONS WITH
THE US WILL STILL REMAIN ONE OF THE MOST VITAL ASPECTS
OF CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND IF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
EAST BLOC (WHERE THE PRIMIN'S AND HEAD'S OFFICES ARE
LOCATED ON PARLIAMENT HILL) AND THE WHITE HOUSE
CAN REMAIN AS OPEN AS THEY WERE DURING RICHARD NIXON'S
ADMINISTRATION "THEN THINGS SHOULDN'T BECOME OVERLY
DIFFICULT." (ITALICS ADDED).

3. THE FULL TEXT OF THE INTERVIEW BY CP REPORTER MICHAEL
LAVOIE WHICH APPEARED AS A PAGE ONE STORY IN THE
OTTAWA CITIZEN, IN THE MONTREAL STAR AND PRESUMABLY
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IN OTHER MAJOR DAILY NEWSPAPERS ACROSS CANADA FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. OTTAWA (CP) - PRIME MINISTER PIERRE TRUDEAU IS DETERMINED TO GIVE CANADA A STRONG NEW ACTIVIST ROLE ON THE LEFT WING OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, IVAN HEAD, TRUDEAU'S SPECIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, SAID YESTERDAY.

WITH THE HELP OF ALLAN MACEACHEN AS HIS NEW EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, TRUDEAU WILL SEEK TO HEIGHTEN CANADA'S WORLD INFLUENCE BY TAKING A MORE MORALISTIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, HEAD SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

THE NEW EMPHASIS WILL BE ON THE HUMAN PROBLEMS AFFECTING PEOPLE WHEREVER THEY LIVE AND ON STRENGTHENING CANADA'S TIES WITH EUROPE, JAPAN AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF ASIA AND AFRICA.

TRUDEAU, SECURE WITH A COMMONS MAJORITY, ALREADY HAS BEGUN A BUSY ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH INTERNATIONAL LEADERS TO PUT THE NEW APPROACH INTO EFFECT.

THE MEETINGS BEGAN IN OTTAWA THIS WEEK WITH A FORMAL VISIT BY JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA AND WILL CONTINUE OVER THE COMING MONTHS. TRUDEAU WILL MAKE THREE FOREIGN VISITS BY MID-WINTER AND WELCOME SEVERAL FOREIGN LEADERS HERE THIS FALL.

AMONG THEM WILL BE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME WHO, HEAD SAID, HAS GREATLY IMPRESSED TRUDEAU WITH HIS OUTSPOKEN LEFT-WING APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

HEAD SAID THE SWEDES, WITH THEIR DENUNCIATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR AND THE MILITARY REVOLT IN CHILE, HAVE BECOME "THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE LEFT--VERY ACTIVE, OUTSPOKEN AND MORAL."

CANADA CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE A SIMILAR, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IDENTICAL, APPROACH TO SUCH PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE, HE SAID.

HEAD SAID TRUDEAU WANTS TO AVOID THE POSTURING NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND
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HOPES CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY "WILL BE MEASURED FOR THE EFFECT THAT IT HAS ON INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS."

"HE IS DETERMINED THAT IF AT THE END OF HIS FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE THERE IS CRITICISM OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY IT WILL BE SINS OF COMMISSION RATHER THAN SINS OF OMISSION," HEAD SAID.

THIS MEANS NEW STRESS ON EFFORTS TO SOLVE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, TO DISSUADE OTHER COUNTRIES FROM ISOLATING THEMSELVES FROM WORLD PROBLEMS AND TO INCREASE THE INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

HEAD SAID TRUDEAU MET THE SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER IN AUSTRIA LAST WINTER AND WAS KEENLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT SWEDEN'S ACTIVIST FOREIGN POLICY.

"WE WILL BE MORE OUTSPOKEN ON SOME OF THE MORAL ISSUES THAN WE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST."

HE SAID ONE INDICATION OF TRUDEAU'S CONCERN LIES IN HIS CHOICE OF MACEACHEN TO REPLACE MITCHELL SHARP IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. MACEACHEN IS AN 11-YEAR CABINET VETERAN WITH A RECORD IN THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND MANPOWER PORTFOLIOS AND A STRONG CABINET BACKER OF EXPANDED SOCIAL POLICIES. THIS CONTRASTS WITH SHARP, A FORMER SENIOR GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRAT AND INDUSTRIAL EXECUTIVE, WHO TOOK A MODERATE LINE IN THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS POST.

TANAKA HAD JUST LEFT OTTAWA THIS WEEK WHEN THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS ARRIVED FOR A CONFERENCE AT WHICH TRUDEAU GAVE THE OPENING ADDRESS.

NEXT WEEK AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER GOUGH WHITLAM WILL STOP ON HIS WAY HOME FROM THE UNITED NATIONS FOR INFORMAL TALKS WITH TRUDEAU.

PALME WILL BE IN OTTAWA IN MID-OCTOBER BEFORE TRUDEAU LEAVES ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO FRANCE AND EUROPEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMON MARKET HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS. HE WILL TALK DURING THE FOUR-DAY VISIT WITH GOVERNMENT LEADERS OF FRANCE, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG.

TRUDEAU WILL RETURN TO EUROPE LATER IN THE WINTER FOR VISITS TO OTHER COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM, WEST GERMANY, ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS.

HE EXPECTS TO HAVE HIS FIRST MEETING THE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD IN WASHINGTON BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE CONTACTS WITH JAPAN AND EUROPE, ARE A BIG PART OF A POLICY OF FINDING ALTERNATIVES TO STRONG ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEPENDENCE UPON THE UNITED STATES,

HEATH SAID.

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